

Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer, USA, Acting Commander in Chief, U. S. Southern Command; and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, and Jose Miguel Vivanco, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1284, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Evelyn Dee Potter Rose, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and James R. Stoner, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, both of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, and Kathleen M. Har-

ington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

INDIAN FINANCING ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2017, to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program, after receiving testimony from Representative Bono; Les Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, Oregon; Marcia Warren Edelman, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin McGuire, Palm Desert National Bank, Palm Desert, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, May 1.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 4559–4587; 1 private bill, H.R. 4588; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 89, were introduced. **Pages H1618–19**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 3764, to authorize appropriations for the Securities and Exchange Commission (H. Rept. 107–415, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 396, providing for consideration of H.R. 3231, to replace the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the Agency for Immigration Affairs (H. Rept. 107–419). **Page H1618**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Richard Lee of First Redeemer Church, of Alpharetta, Georgia. **Page H1537**

Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Farm Security Act: The House agreed to the Hooley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2646, an act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, to agree to the provisions contained in section 1001 of the Senate amendment and section 944 of the House bill, relating to country of origin labeling requirements for agricultural commodities, but to insist on the six-month implementation deadline contained in the House bill by voice vote. **Pages H1537–40**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. **Page H1540**

Supplemental Report: The Committee on Financial Services received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 3764, to authorize appropriations for the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Page H1544**

Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, and Transparency Act: The House passed H.R. 3763, to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws by a recorded vote of 334 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 110. **Pages H1544–92**

Rejected the LaFalce motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that sought to strike sections 11 and 12 and insert provisions that provide for the removal of unfit corporate officers, require disgorgement of compensation if an officer or director engages in misconduct resulting in erroneous financial statements, and require principal executive officers and financial officers to certify financial statements by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 109. **Pages H1589–92**

Agreed to the Committee on Financial Services amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, H. Rept. 107–414, and made in order by the rule. **Page H1589**

Agreed To:

Oxley amendment no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that makes technical and conforming changes and strikes provisions pertaining to the adoption of a senior financial officers code of ethics;

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Capuano amendment no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that specifies that one member of the public regulatory organization (PRO) shall be a person who has never been licensed to practice public accounting;

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Rejected:

Sherman amendment no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that sought to require the net capital of an accountant to be equal to one-half of the annual audit revenue received from issuers registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

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Kucinich amendment in the nature of a substitute, no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that sought to create the Federal Bureau of Audits to conduct an annual audit of the financial statements that are required to be submitted by reporting issuers and to be certified under the securities laws, rules or regulations (rejected by a recorded vote of 39 ayes to 381 noes, Roll No. 107);

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LaFalce amendment in the nature of a substitute, no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that sought to establish a Public Regulatory Organization within ninety days of enactment, define the nature and composition of the organization, and delineate its specific roles and responsibilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 108);

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 395, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:58 p.m. and reconvened at 6:28.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H1537.

Quorum Calls Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1573-74, H1588-89, H1591-92 and H1592. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Public Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Charlotte Beers, Under Secretary, Department of State; the following officials of the Broadcasting Board of Governors: Marc Nathanson, Chairman; and Norman Pattiz, member of the Board; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of Treasury.

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Department of Education Panel: Teacher Recruitment, Preparation and Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Thomas P. Skelly, Director, Budget Service; Susan B. Neuman, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; Robert H. Pasternack, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Sally Stroup, Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education; Grover J. Whitehurst, Assistant Secretary, Educational Research and Improvement; and Maria Hernandez Ferrier, Director, Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on House of Representatives, Library of Congress, GPO; and on GAO. Testimony was heard from the following Officers of the House of Representatives: Jeff Trandahl, Clerk; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; and James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; the following officials of GPO: Robert T. Mansker, Deputy Public Printer; Francis J. Buckley, Jr., Superintendent of